

Regular Meeting Minutes
Joint Meeting of the Tiverton Landfill Subcommittee and the Recycling Committee
Thursday September 25, 2008 at 6:30 PM
Town Hall, 343 Highland Road, Tiverton

Members Present: Steve Berlucchi, Jay Edwards, James Goncalo, Jack Fernandes, Don Wilbur, Richard Hart, Deborah Dupont, Rachel Melo, Steve Rys

Members Absent: Cheri Olf

Town Delegation: None

Public Delegation: None

- I. S. Rys called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM
- II. The minutes from the Recycling Committees July 31 meetings were reviewed. D. Dupont made a motion to accept the minutes. S. Rys seconded the motion. There are no minutes from the last Landfill Subcommittee to review as there was not a quorum at their last meeting.
- III. Election of Officers took place. Steve Rys will be the Chairperson, Steve Berlucchi will be the Vice Chairperson and Rachel Melo the Secretary.
- IV. Starting September 30, ORS, Office Recycling Solutions, will have a trailer at the landfill to collect e-waste free of charge for Tiverton Residents. This e-waste includes all types of computer related equipment, telephones, network equipment and cell phones.
- V. On November 1 there will be an e-waste event from 9:00 to 1:00 at the Department of Public Works site on Industrial Way. Computer related items can be dropped off. Televisions can also be dropped off for a fee: \$5.00 for sets to 13", \$10.00 for TV's greater than 13" and \$20.00 for console models. There will probably be one of these events every three months.
- VI. The Pardon Gray Day was a successful event. Many recycling pamphlets and surveys were distributed. There was a signup sheet available for people who need recycling bins. About 20 people signed up. R. Melo will pick up the bins and deliver them.
- VII. S. Berlucchi distributed a copy of a Memo on the landfill, trash collection & recycling. The Town will most likely enter into a 3 year contract with Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corp for recyclables. A proposal was made to start charging \$5 for recycling bins because the bins will no longer be subsidized. The town will have to pay more than double the current cost.
- VIII. The Landfill license will expire in the near future which will cost approx. \$35,000. To help pay for this expense, it is proposed that Yard Waste Pick-Ups be reduced

from eight a year to two pickups, one in the fall and one in the spring. This will save over \$30,000.

- IX. The Memo mentioned above also discussed PARE 's report on the Landfill. The landfill volume has increased 14 % over last years volume. It is estimated that the landfill will be full in six years, at which time closure costs will be between \$7.5-\$9 million. There will be an estimated shortfall of \$3.1 to \$4.4million. To make up for the shortfall the following recommendations were made:
- Every residence must put out both recycling bins or their trash will not be picked up.
 - Pay as you throw should be implemented. A \$2 sticker will be applied to each barrel before the trash will be picked up. A discussion on this recommendation ensued. A public meeting would have to take place before this recommendation can be implemented.
- X. The next meeting will be October 30 @ 6:30. The November meeting would fall on Thanksgiving, therefore it was agreed that the meeting will be held November 20 @ 6:30.
- XI. R. Melo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. S. Rys seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes were recorded by Rachel Melo.